

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources
and Environment

Hunting Access Program



Public Hunting on Private Lands 2010 – 2011



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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment leases private lands throughout southern Michigan for public hunting through the Hunting Access Program (HAP). This guide lists all property under lease through this program on pages 5-11. The lands generally are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To make sure you have a place to hunt, make contacts early if you are planning to hunt HAP lands.

The guide lists a farm headquarters where daily permits are to be picked up each day that you hunt the property. The locations listed include township and section numbers where the land is located. A township is 36-square-mile area (although many vary) with section numbers assigned. Maps of the county are available at bookstores and the county road commission.

Remember, when you use properties listed in this book, you and your hunting party are guests of the landowner. As guests, you should register with your host or at the host's self-registration site each time you visit the property. Annual permits are not permitted. **Appropriate conduct helps ensure your host will invite you to return next year.**

All guests in a hunting party are required to have a yellow hunter tag in their possession at all times when using the host's property.

Guests are required to return the hunter tags to the host or self-registration box after each day's hunt.

Do not register or take a daily permit if you are not actively hunting.

1. Observe all instructions of the landowner.
2. Know the property boundaries and do not trespass on adjacent property.
3. Do not block field access routes or drive in fields without the host's permission.
4. Leave no trash.
5. Place tree stands or build blinds only with the landowner's permission.
6. Observe all hunting and trapping rules and regulations.

A private-land antlerless deer license for the appropriate Deer Management Unit (DMU) can be used on HAP lands. To purchase a private-land antlerless deer license valid on HAP lands, if the landowner's number is not available, the phone number 999-999-9999 can be used.

Tips for Asking Permission to Hunt Other Private Land

1. State law requires that you obtain verbal permission from the landowner. Only the landowner can give hunting permission.
2. Obtain permission to hunt several farms. This assures you of a place to hunt if others are using the property or the landowner is not home.
3. Obtain permission well in advance of the time you plan to hunt. Do not wait until the last minute. Plan your visit early in the evening when the landowner, especially if a farmer, is likely to be home. If you will scout the area before hunting season, also request permission for that time.
4. Ask for permission by yourself or with one other person; do not take your entire hunting party up to the door. When approaching the landowner or family for permission, NEVER carry your gun and keep any dogs in your vehicle.
5. If you cannot visit the landowner in person, then write an appropriate and friendly letter. Do not just stick a small note on the door. Your letter may request a date/time when you can talk in person, or you can make arrangements by mail or telephone. Do so at the landowner's preference.
6. Be prepared to provide your name and contact information and the dates and times when you would like to hunt a described portion of the land (e.g., the back 40 acres of the woods and cropland). The landowner may limit party size, ORVs or more.
7. Ask the landowner if there are any crop fields or other areas of the farm that should not be hunted.
8. Never shoot near farm buildings or where any people or livestock are living. Observe all safety zone areas – 450 feet from possibly inhabited structures.
9. Leave any gates you encounter the way you found them. If a gate is open, leave it open after you pass through. If a gate is closed, close it after you pass through.
10. Do not leave any trash. If you find litter already there, pick it up.
11. When the hunt is over, thank the landowner for the opportunity to hunt. Then he or she will know that you have left the farm and will not worry about you being lost or stuck on the property.
12. It always is wise and polite to offer the landowner a portion of your harvest off the land, such as a piece of game or portion of venison, once your game is cleaned or butchered. This goodwill gesture, along with the recommendations above, will help your relationship with the landowner. It also may help provide others with hunting opportunities from this landowner, and it helps build a positive image of hunting.

Looking for a place to hunt?

Check out online maps showing public lands open to public hunting at
www.michigan.gov/gohunt.

Interested in Enrolling in the Hunting Access Program?

If your property is located in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula and if you are interested in receiving payment to allow public hunting on your property, you may wish to participate in the Hunting Access Program.

Landowners are free from liability as stated in P.A. 451: “No cause of action shall arise for injuries to persons hunting on lands leased under HAP unless the injuries were caused by the gross negligence of willful and wanton misconduct of the owner, tenant, or lessee.”

For an application and details, contact one of the DNRE Wildlife Division Management Unit offices listed below. Please direct any questions or comments about the Hunting Access Program to the Management Unit supervisor at the following Department of Natural Resources and Environment offices.

County Where Farm is Located				DNRE Mgt. Unit Office
Bay Huron	Isabella Midland	Saginaw Sanilac	Tuscola	Saginaw Bay 3580 State Park Dr. Bay City, MI 48706 989-684-9141
Genesee Lapeer	Macomb Monroe	St. Clair	Wayne	Southeastern 26000 W. Eight Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48034 248-359-9040
Clinton Eaton Gratiot	Hillsdale Ingham Ionia	Jackson Livingston	Montcalm Shiawassee Washtenaw	South Central 8562 East Stoll Rd. E. Lansing, MI 48823 517-641-4903
Allegan Barry Barrien	Branch Calhoun Cass	Kalamazoo Kent Muskegon	Ottawa St. Joseph Van Buren	Southwestern 621 N. 10 th St. Plainwell, MI 49080 269-685-6851

For information on Commercial Forest lands, see page 14.

The habitat-type key for HAP lands is:

- WW – Wetland Wildlife (ducks, geese)
- FW – Forest Wildlife (deer, squirrel, rabbit, grouse)
- FA – Farmland Wildlife (pheasant, rabbit, deer)
- CC – Cropped Land

Example: 20FW means 20 acres of land suitable for hunting forest wildlife species.

Public Hunting Rights on Select Privately Owned Lands

The state of Michigan has purchased hunting rights for various privately owned lands. These lands are open to public hunting. Registration is not required, but all applicable laws still apply. For additional information and a complete legal description of these parcels, refer to the DNRE website at www.michigan.gov/hunting, under “Where Can I Hunt?”

Landowner Name	Farm Headquarters	Township/Sections	Habitat Type	Permits	Service
ALLEGAN					
Bolks, Ervin J. No Sunday Hunting	126th Ave. Just E. of 41st St., Dunningville	Heath, 27	74FW-5FA	8	Self-Service Box Box
Kipen, Louise No Sunday Hunting	4124 27th St., Dorr	Salem, 23	2WW-32FW-12FA-7CC	5	Mandatory Check-In
BARRY					
Peake & Sons, Ira	5000 Head Rd., Hastings	Hope, 4,5,8	5WW-188FW-157FA-129CC	50	Mandatory Check-In
Rock, Fredrick S.	9725 Finkbeiner Rd.,	Thornapple, 15,22,24	10WW-115FW-137FA	20	Self-Service Box
BAY					
Schnettler, Clara	Mt. Forest Rd, W. of Flajple, Rhodes	Mt. Forest, 7	160FW	16	No Check-In
BERRIEN					
Doughten, Howard	1665 Dayton Rd., Buchanan	Bertrand, Buchanan, Bert.-4,5; Buch.-31	28FW-108FA-175CC	31	Mandatory Check-In
Hacker, Larry	5844 Scottdale Rd., Berrien Springs	Berrien, Oronko, Royalton, B-4;O-23,26;R-30	12WW-297FW-43FA	30	Mandatory Check-In Check-In at Farm Office
Hass, Donald	4400 Bailey Rd., Eau Claire	Pipestone, 16	20FW-55FA	7	Self-Service Box
Sinner, Alex	14967 S. Pardee Rd., Three Oaks	Weesaw, 21	43FW-8FA-120CC	15	Mandatory Check-In

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BRANCH					
Flaherty, James	452 Grass Lake Rd., Coldwater	Ovid, 20, 29	5FW-55FA	6	Mandatory Check-In
Grove, John H.	638 S. Fremont Rd., Reading	Algansee, 31	13FW-175FA	10	Self-Service Box
Smith, Sharon	Across from 182 Stringtown Rd., Middleville	Algansee, 1	8FW-81FA	5	Self-Service Box
Smoker, Ralph	678 W. Central Rd., Bronson	Bethel, 7	25FW-46FA	5	Mandatory Check-In
Wasikowski, Lucille	285 S. Snow Prairie Rd., Coldwater	Bethel, 9, 10	15FW-57FA	7	Mandatory Check-In
CASS					
Sparks Cedarlee Farm	57900 Penn Rd., Cassopolis	Penn, 10, 15	38WW-10FW-60FA-60CC	15	Self-Service Box
Wright, James See Sparks Cedarlee Farms	57900 Penn Rd., Cassopolis	Penn, 15	71FA	7	Self-Service Box See Carl Sparks

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GENESEE Laba, Michael	8467 Wilson Rd., Otisville	Forest, 17,20,21	2WW-207FW-19FA-68CC	20	Self-Service Box
HILLSDALE Penoyar, Lyllys	7611 W. Territorial Rd., Montgomery	Camden, 3,10	1WW-27FW-69FA-42CC	10	Mandatory Check-In
Townland Farms	6840 Burt Rd., Waldron	Ransom, Wright, R-15,Wr-19	133FA	10	Mandatory Check-In
HURON Pettit, Irvin	5416 McMillan Rd., Port Austin	Hume, Meade, H-33,34; M-3,4	64FW-336FA	40	Mandatory Check-In
Peruski, John	Corner of Huron Line and Parisville Rd., Minden City	Paris, 35	73FW	5	Self-Service Box
INGHAM Mikelonis, Gabriele	5406 Haynes Rd., Stockbridge	Bunkerhill, Henrietta, B-34;H-2,3	17WW-64FW-34FA-180CC	18	Self-Service Box

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IONIA					
	Potter, Eleanore	1/4 mile E. of Bliss Rd. on Clinton Trail, Lake Odessa	Odessa, 17	21FW-92FA	11 Self-Service Box
Sprague, Dale/Juanita					
	9150 Centerline Rd., Saranac	Boston, Keene, B-4;K-33	60FW-135FA-35CC	8	Mandatory Check-In
KENT					
	Remer, Robert J.	3375 17 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs	Solon, 26	3WW-14FW-59FA	5 Mandatory Check-In
VanderPloeg, Robert					
	1/4 mile N. of Finn Rd. on Alden Nash, Lowell	Vergennes, 9	3WW-41FW-116FA	15	Self-Service Box
Wollander, Donald					
	14863 Keller, Cedar Springs	Spencer, 18	45FW-38FA-67CC	11	Self-Service Box
LAPEER					
	Anderson, Thomas	9731 Rich Rd., Mayville	Rich, 5	6FW-74CC	6 Self-Service Box
Dipka, George					
	Approx. 0.6 miles east of Washburn Rd. on Brigham Rd. (on old farm lane), Davison	Hadley, 17, 18	12WW-32FW-66FA	11	Self-Service Box

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Nelson, Robert	4375 W. Oregon Rd., Lapeer	Elba 3,6	3WW-60FW-10FA- 121CC	11	Self-Service Box
Thayer, William	672 Swaffer Rd., Mayville	Rich, 8	10FW-18FA-50CC	8	Self-Service Box
White, Harold	9731 Rich Rd., Mayville	Rich, 6	21FA-217CC	10	Self-Service Box
MONROE					
Simon, Bernard	2486 Bunce Rd, in east part of Dundee Twp. Dundee	Dundee (East), 5,8	30WW-105FW-109FA- 108CC	25	Self-Service Box
MONTCALM					
Hansen, L.A. No Driving on Land	9252 Barnes Rd., Greenville	Fairplains, 16,21,22	6WW-24FW-80FA-38CC	15	Self-Service Box
Wyckoff, William	4282 W. Fenwick Rd., Greenville	Fairplains, 29,33	5WW-86FW-9FA	8	Mandatory Check-In
MUSKEGON					
Lund, James	1685 19 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs	Moorland, 25	20FW-40FA-36CC	9	Self-Service Box

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SANILAC					
Kolodziej, Eugene	4444 Shabbona Rd., Snover	Evergreen, 13	40FW	4	No Check-In
Nicklas, Frank	795 S. Goetze Rd., Carsonville	Washington, Sanilac W-12; S-7	10FW, 326FA	25	Self-Service Box
O'Mara, Daniel E.	1591 N Ridge Rd., Carsonville	Forester, 17	43FW-92FA	13	Mandatory Check-In
SHIAWASSEE					
Holzczman, Margaret	Hibbard Rd. 1/8 Mi. E. of Balcom Rd., Middlebury	Middlebury, 33	17WW-49FW-69FA	13	Self-Service Box
ST. CLAIR					
Langmesser, Kenneth	1730 Kennedy Rd., St. Clair	St. Clair, 22,27	25FW-45FA-74CC	12	Self-Service Box
Zweng, Fred	6234 Meisner Rd., East China	China, 21	49FW-67FA	12	Self-Service Box

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ST. JOSEPH Hotovy, Luke	14058 Drummond Rd., Three Rivers	Constantine, Fabius, C-3; F-34,35	7WW-16FW-234FA	8	Mandatory Check-In
TUSCOLA Kloc, Walter	5706 Shabbona Rd., Deford	Novesta, 20,29	17FW-13FA-48CC	7	No Check-In
Merkel, Kenneth	Corner of Brown and Fostoria, Mayville	Fremont, 35	53FW-15FA	7	No Check-In
Tunis, Charles	1738 Cemetery Rd., Deford	Novesta, Koylton, N-27;K-1	54FW-35FA-104CC	13	Mandatory Check-In
VAN BUREN Horton, Robert	1 mile N. of M-43 on 54th St., Bangor	Arlington, 5	37FW-44FA	8	Self-Service Box

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Commercial Forest (CF) Lands

Nearly 2.2 million acres of privately owned forests enrolled in the CF program are accessible by foot to the public for fishing and hunting. The CF lands are not posted or signed as commercial forests and may be fenced or gated. The presence of a fence or gate does not prohibit public foot access to CF lands for fishing or hunting. The owner may restrict public access during periods of active commercial logging to ensure public safety.

Other than foot access for the acts of hunting or fishing, activities such as (but not limited to) camping, leaving traps, using motorized vehicles, and damaging or injuring vegetation (e.g. cutting/nailing) require the landowner's permission. Commercial activity on CF lands is not allowed for any purpose other than forestry. **Public-land antlerless deer licenses are required on CF land.**

Legal descriptions of land listed in this program are available on the DNRE website at www.michigan.gov/gohunt under "Where Can I Hunt?"

Use CF Lands with Respect

Although the general public has a right to fish and hunt on CF lands, the property is privately owned and subject to normal private property rights. Unless you have permission of the property owner, the right to fish and hunt on the land does not extend to associated activities such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Littering.
- Camping.
- Cutting shooting lanes, or cutting or destroying brush, trees or other plants for any purpose.
- Using nails, bolts, wire, tree steps or other material or activities which harm, lessen or destroy the value of trees, or create a potentially hazardous wood-harvesting condition.
- Temporarily or permanently abandoning of property, including tree stands or other hunting apparatus.
- Constructing blinds or constructing or placing other structures, except for gathering dead materials found on the ground.
- Target shooting or sighting-in firearms.
- Using ORVs or other vehicles on private property. If vehicles are allowed by the property owner, care should be taken to avoid blocking access to roads or parking areas.

A person engaging in an activity not allowed by a property owner may be criminally or civilly liable, or both.

If you have questions about this program or specific CF lands, contact the nearest DNRE office or DNRE Forest Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, or call 517-373-1275.

Plan Your Next Hunting Adventure Online with Mi-HUNT

The DNRE offers a new tool for selecting your next hunting, trapping or outdoor recreational spot: an interactive mapping application called Mi-HUNT, at www.michigan.gov/mihunt.

Mi-HUNT is a cutting-edge, Web-based application that allows users to view and navigate through all public lands open to hunting and trapping in Michigan. Mi-HUNT displays multiple layers of information, which can be customized to fit your specific outdoor interests and trip-planning needs. It allows users to view:

- State and private lands open to hunting and trapping.
- Vegetation types.
- Topography and aerial imagery.
- Routing directions to and from your hunting spot.
- Recreational facilities such as forest campgrounds, trails, boat launches and wildlife areas.
- Links to county information, parks, weather reports, details about where to buy licenses, DNRE offices and more!



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Don't miss out on the hunt of a lifetime! Here is your chance to hunt for elk, bear, spring and fall wild turkey, and antlerless deer in Michigan. The hunts can occur during any open season for each species, plus an opening-day reserved hunt at managed waterfowl areas. Apply today for the 2011 Pure Michigan Hunt. Three winners will be drawn in January 2011.

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Apply at any license agent or online TODAY.

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Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development, and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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